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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shunsuke SATO, et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement for an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of one of the following species:

Embodiment I, figures 1-5;

Embodiment II, figure 6;

Embodiment III, figure 7;

Embodiment IV, figures 8-12,

Embodiment V, figure 13, or

Embodiment VI, figure 14.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute the species Embodiment I, Figs. 1-5.

Applicants further identify claims 1 through 3, 6 and 7 as readable on the elected species of

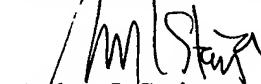
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Embodiment I, Figs. 1 through 5. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 3, 6 and 7 is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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